the recruitment rules framed by the respective Governments and Union Territory Administrations. In addition, at anganwadi level, there are two functionaries. namely, anganwadi workers and helpers. These are part-time honorary and voluntary workers taken from the the local community. As such, they are not Government employees. As per our guidelines, the anganawadi worker should be a women between 18-44 years and belongs to the local community. The selection of these functionaries is also entirely in the hands of the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. According to our guidelines special care is to be taken in her selection so that children of SCs/STs and other weaker sections of the society are ensured free access to anganwadi. The ICDS projects are mostly located in the areas predominantly inhabited by SC & ST population.

Navodaya Vidyalaya, Palakkad

6202. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Navodaya Vidyalaya in palakkad has been set up at the same place as was approved by the Union Government;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Vidyalaya has all infrastructural facilities including permanent building;and

(d) whether the Vidyalaya has since started functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). No, Sir. The opening of Navodaya Vidyalayas is based on the proposal of State/UT Government concerned which have to provide 30 acres of suitable land, free of cost, sufficient buildings and other infrastructure initially for 2-3 years to run the Vidyalaya. In accordance, with the original proposal received from the State Government the permanent site of the Vidyalaya was at Agali in Palakkad (Palghat) District and the infrastructure for the temporary functioning of the Vidyalaya was provided at Malampuzha. The report of the inspection team and that of the District Magistrate Palakkad (Palghat) revealed that the land earlier proposed by the State Government at Agali was not suitable for the Vidyalaya. Consequently 20 acres of Land were provided at Malampuzha (where the Vidyalaya is temporarily located) instead of at Agali. The permanent building of the Vidyalaya is now under construction at Malampuzha

(c) The Vidyalaya is at present functioning in temporary buildings at the site given by the State Government. Additional semi-permanent building has been constructed by the Samiti and there are adequate facilities.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Research Institute for Preserving Ancient Books of Arabic And Persian

6203. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of research institutes set up for preserving and conducting research work on the ancient books of Arabic and Persian;

(b) whether such a research institute is functioning in Tonk, Rajasthan;

(c) whether Government propose to take assistance from Arabian countries in